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43 King Street West,

Toronto, November 14, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert:

As I told you in our conversation a few days ago, it is my purpose to be at the Extension Office next Monday morning, November the 17th. On account of the unsettled condition with regard to the future of this Committee, due to the change of Government taking place just at this time, I have felt that it was very unwise to interfere in any way with my relation to this Committee at the present moment, and, therefore, I propose that I shall devote as much time at this office as is possible consistent with the work which is to be done at the Extension Office.

There is also another reason for this which appeals to me very strongly. The repatriation work which we are doing is very pressing at the present time and exceedingly difficult. It would be a practical impossibility for anyone unfamiliar with the work to come into the office just at present to carry on the policy which we have developed, and as the present is a somewhat critical moment looking toward the tremendous problems which will arise during the Winter, I cannot think that you would wish me to in any way interfere with that work. I can arrange the work in the office, and, indeed, have been arranging it for the past three weeks, so that I can do what is essential in the afternoon.

When I last saw you we did not discuss just which parts of the Extension work you wish developed at the present time. Consequently I should be glad if about Wednesday, after I have had an opportunity of learning just how the work stands you will be kind enough to make an appointment when we could discuss certain details. Owing to the fact that I do not wish to disturb the relation with this Committee, I would suggest that no change be made in the salary arrangements at present.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

Secretary.

December 17th, 1919

Professor A. E. Abbott,
Extension Committee.
Dear Professor Abbott:

I have gone into the case of the regulations concerning the degree of Bachelor of Arts under special conditions and keeping in mind the various necessities of the teachers I would suggest that the following might be the arrangements for the second, third and fourth years: (1) English; (2) Latin or French or a Science; (3) a second subject from No.2; (4) Modern History; (5) Economics or Psychology. These I think would allow the combinations that the teachers might need, as a man student could get Latin and a Science or French and a Science, and a woman student could if she wished get Latin and French. Also Psychology working in with Philosophy would enable them to prepare for the Faculty of Education.

I am having a Committee of the science men called to determine which of the sciences should be offered, as it will probably be necessary to confine them to two.

Yours sincerely,

President.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION:
THE SUMMER SESSION;
SPECIAL COURSES FOR TEACHERS;
LOCAL LECTURES.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

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COPY. December 10th, 1919.

Dean Pakenham,

Faculty of Education,

Bloor St., Toronto.

Dear Dr. Pakenham:

I enclose herewith the regulations appearing in the Arts Calendar concerning the degree of Bachelor of Arts under special conditions.

In looking over this course, I find that the following changes should be made in order to bring it into conformity with the new Pass Course and at the same time to allow students a kind of course which they apparently desire.

First Year - no change necessary except that Biology should read Zoology.

Second Year - the expression rather than fact should be changed with the exception of dropping one subject. I would suggest: English, Latin or a science, French, History, Political Economy or a science; with the regulation that one science would be taken.

Third and Fourth Years - Group VII, page 153, Arts Calendar will answer perfectly. This arrangement will enable students to take English, French, History, Political Economy and any one science for the Second, Third and Fourth Years.

Will you kindly criticise this, as a meeting of the Committee ought to be called to pass upon it early next week.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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HEAD OFFICE FOR CANADA
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15th January 1920. Our File #51.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL:-

We notified you that the next meeting of the Central Council would be held on February 2nd and 3rd.

We received a sufficient number of replies, stating that this date was not satisfactory, to warrant us in taking the matter up again with Their Excellencies. The earliest dates they could give us were March 2nd and 3rd. Accordingly, we telegraphed the Secretaries of our Provincial Divisions asking them to ascertain if these dates would be satisfactory.

The number of replies we received was enough to justify us in changing the date, and therefore we notified the Provincial Divisions this morning that the meeting had been postponed for one month.

Will you be kind enough to note the new date, as we greatly desire to have a well attended meeting to consider the important matters which must be taken up at that time.

Further formal announcement will be sent you later.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

General Secretary.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No.

Toronto, January 30, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert:

You may be interested to learn that a conference was held on Tuesday evening in Mr Drury's office of the important agencies at present engaged in work for soldiers.

The really important subject under discussion was as to whether the Repatriation League should discontinue its work. It was unanimously decided that the League should continue its operations until May 1st, and as the work now being done is of a rather important character, I think that decision was the only wise one to reach.

This will mean that my time will be rather fully taken up here until that date. After looking into the Extension work somewhat carefully I cannot see that there would be any particular loss to the University on account of my absence for a few months longer, as, so far as I can learn, there is quite a little difficulty in meeting the requests which come in to the office unsolicited, without any attempt being made to organize new work. The letter which I am sending herewith, however, will indicate that much work could be organized for next Fall, if the University is prepared to go on with it.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

Secretary.

AHA/B.

December 3rd, 1919

Dr. A. H. Abbott,
Extension Office.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I am afraid that it would be premature to act ise Mr. Francis as strongly as you do on the lines of your letter. It would really be forestalling the action of the Government provided they agree to such a policy, and I do not think that we as a University are at liberty to send our advice to these localities until some broad provincial policy has been agreed upon. I think that if it were put less strongly, that the time may come when it will be necessary for you to have a local institution carrying the work , perhaps one year in advance of what is done now in the Collegiate Institute or the Technical School you will be safe enough.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

46 Howland Ave.
Toronto May 29th/20

My dear Sir Robert:-

No doubt the Officers of the Canadian Red Cross Society have informed you of the offer they have made to me of the position of Secretary-General. I should like to be able to consider this offer favourably but I have not yet had an opportunity of discussing the matter with you. As I have to go to Kapuskasing again and shall not return until next Thursday I shall not be able to see you until next week-end. I understand that Dr Robertson endeavoured to see you but you were out of the city and as he had to go to Ottawa, he asked Mr Sommerville to see you. I hope he has been able to secure an appointment as I would not like negotiations to proceed without your knowledge.

Yours faithfully,
Albert H. Abbott

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Toronto, January 30th, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert:

There are two points I should like to lay before you for your consideration in connection with the service which the University could render the community.

First, the Board of Trade holds monthly meetings, and they would like to have some of these addressed by university men on topics which might be of broad interest and yet sufficiently detailed to give the business men definite information along the lines discussed.

Mr Tolchard came to me asking if I could suggest the names of men. He mentioned that they had had one of the men from the Faculty of Forestry discuss, I think, fire protection methods, and they had found it of great interest and of some service too, in their approach to the Government. So far as I am aware there is an opportunity there at the present time for giving something that will be of general interest on the problem of reforestation.

Then Professor McIver would doubtless have some topic that he would like to discuss with them, and there might be a number of the men who would have special information in which the Board would be interested. If you think well of this suggestion, will you kindly make some inquiries and let Mr Tolchard have a list of the men and at least some suggestion as to their subjects.

Second, I recently made a trip to Sault Ste Marie to address a meeting of the Directors and men of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills. I found them greatly interested in the subject of education along the line of the Workers' Educational Association. The Company has three plants, one at Sault Ste Marie, one at Espanola and one at Sturgeon Falls. I am quite sure that a man appointed by the University could put in his whole time in conducting classes in Sault Ste Marie of the workers in the Steel plant and in the Paper Mill, in Espanola, in the vicinity of Sudbury, in Sturgeon Falls and possibly in North Bay.

I believe that the first subject likely to be selected will be either the History of Commerce or Economics. If this request could be organized so that the work could begin next Fall, would you be willing to engage a man for the purpose? The idea would be that the men would pay a certain amount for the course, the Company would supplement this bringing up the amount possibly to the extent of the man's salary and travelling expenses, so that as a matter of fact I think it could be organized so that it would cost the University nothing. In any case it would not cost very much. You will readily understand that the Company itself does not want to engage a man as that might at once suggest to the men that the Company would have control of the nature of the teaching.

I believe that if it is the University's desire to go into such work classes could be organized on a circuit in Western Ontario, of the same general nature.

With regard to the suggestion which was made at the last meeting of the Extension Committee in relation to taking up work for farmers' clubs, I have asked for a conference in Woodstock of the men who have been thinking of the matter, so that I could get a better idea of what they would really need for next Winter, and they have consented to arrange this, but no date has as yet been set.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

Secretary.

AHA/B.

February 9rd, 1920

Dr. A. E. Abbott,
49 King Street West,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

Sir Robert has not been in his office since Saturday on account of illness, but on his return your letter will receive his attention.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

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February 9th, 1920

Dr. A. H. Abbott,
49 King Street West,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I have been interested in the suggestions that you make with regard to outside work and of course I know that the University would be glad to be of any service that it can within the limits of its power. It seems to me that there ought to be very little difficulty to give interesting address to the Board of Trade once a month. Before long when you have time we can discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 15th, 1920

Dr. A. H. Abbott,
42 King Street West,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I I will lay your letter of resignation before the Board of Governors at its next meeting, and after that meeting I shall write to you expressing the University's best wishes for your success as well as thanks for what you have done in the past.

Yours sincerely,

President.